

Neighbors Awakened as Fathers Take Christmas Sneak Preview

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Christmas, they say, is for kids. Neighbors on Zakon Rd. were awakened about 3:15 a.m. on the morning before Christmas as three big "kids" tread out a Christmas toy their children were to receive. The clattering sound the neighbors heard were three young-in-heart fathers bounding up and down on a pogo stick.

Spending Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Henden, of Inglewood, were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mitchell and family, of Zakon Rd.

The day after Christmas, the Mitchells reciprocated with a huge turkey and all the trimmings, much to the enjoyment of guests. Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Moran, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Peck, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mitchell and family.

New Year's visitors in the Mitchell home were Mr. and Mrs. George Zidebeck, Milton Brown, and Miss Ann Codd.

Taking a fast trip to San Francisco, to be with friends at Christmas time, were Mr. and Mrs. Ken Bickford and sons, Kenny and Kevin.

The Bickfords returned home on Tuesday morning, weary but very grateful to be back after detouring around through many flooded areas. On New Year's Eve, the Bickford family enjoyed dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Burton Milligan, of Torrance. After such a traveled holiday season, Ken and Nellie are home to visiting neighbors at 5117 Zakon Rd.

Celebrating their 14th anniversary on Dec. 21, were Mr. and Mrs. James McClune, of Doris Way.

Rose is very excited and proud of the diamond dinner watch Jim gave her as he said, "in appreciation of the many wonderful years of marriage to a wonderful girl."

Guests in the McClune household over the holiday season were Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cash, of Chino, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard D'Amond and family, of Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Panak spent Christmas and the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Baber and family, for a huge family reunion, and Mr. and Mrs. John Lusby.

Juanita's brother, Blaine Laing, surprised the family at Christmas dinner with the announcement of his engagement to JoAnn Musgrave, of Pasadena.

Connie Priestley and kiddies enjoyed Christmas dinner with daddy, Leonard Priestley, aboard his ship, the USS Toledo. Leonard will be leaving again soon for an overseas tour of duty. Guests in the Priestley home over New Year's day were Mr. and Mrs. William F. Keane and family, of Garden Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gunther Jr., and family, of Vanderhill Rd., spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gunther Sr., of Palos Verdes.

The Gene Williamson family, of Zakon Rd., spent the Christmas holidays in a family reunion in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elden Hostetter.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ross A. Leonard, and family, were Mr. and Mrs. Har-

Will Bartgeses, Wed in 1889, Celebrate 66th Year Together

By BETTY MITCHELL
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Sixty-six years ago last Dec. 24, Mr. and Mrs. Will Bartgeses exchanged wedding vows. Marking their many, many years of wedded happiness, a family gathering in their honor was held at the home of their son, Theron, and his family in Lomita.

The Bartgeses were married in Dayton, Wash., in 1889. They have four living children, eight grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Of that number their son, Ward, and his family and their grandson, Derrill In-sleep, were able to join the Theron Bartgeses at the family dinner on the 24th. The Bartgeses' daughter, Beulah Timble, who lives with her family in San Francisco, and their son Rex, a doctor in Biggs, Calif., were unable to attend.

The Bartgeses now live on Winlock Dr. They have resided in the past five years since coming to our town.

The J.F.F. Club held its usually fun-filled Christmas party on Dec. 20 at the Park St. home of Mrs. Eva Kelly. All of the members of the club were present to enjoy the lovely tree and exquisitely decorated room. The women sang Christmas carols to get into the Christmas spirit, and then gathered round for an exchange of gifts.

Their holiday potluck refreshments were served at the large table carrying out the Christmas color scheme. Lovely white angel favors added their touch of beauty and festivity.

The next meeting will also be held at Mrs. Kelly's home, the date being Jan. 17.

Sympathy is being extended to the Frank Taylors whose son, David, passed away at the age of 17 months during the holiday season. Heart surgery was performed unsuccessfully in an effort to save the small lad.

Funeral services were held at the Chapel of the Dawn with Rev. Gene Gehres performing the ceremonies. Taylor is an instructor in Walteria School. The

Taylors have one other son, Rodney, one month old.

The true spirit of Christmas was shown by Browne Troop 348 when the girls went to Harbor General Hospital during the holidays to sing Christmas carols to those shut in from holiday activities.

Barbara Snyder played an accompaniment for the girls on her accordion. The mothers accompanying the group were Mmes. Robert Munn, J. A. Beasley, V. Peltz, Harold Simon, and H. W. Snyder.

The Pacific Hills Owners Assn. will hold the annual election of officers next Tuesday at Walteria School Auditorium.

Several matters of local interest will be discussed, as well as the election, so all members are urged to attend. The association is also asking anyone who can in the community to cooperate with the work now being done on the Scouts building established on Madison St.

George and June Pappas of Winlock Rd. had double reason to celebrate over the Christmas holidays, since they have a brand new daughter, Mary Ellen was born at the Gerdena Hospital on Dec. 19, tipping the scales at 7 lbs., 15 ozs. She joins sister Carol, 6, and brother Tommy, 8, in the family home.

Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Dumeshausen, of Winlock Dr., and Thomas Pappas, of Detroit, Mich.

A hearty welcome back is bid to Jack and Elaine Nixon who have returned to Dalemead St. after living several months in Garden Grove. The couple moved last fall, but are now back happily living among their former friends and neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Rampley, of Winlock Dr., spent a busy holiday season. Christmas days were spent in Fontana with their daughter and family, with a short visit in Riverside with another daughter and husband. On New Year's, they attended a family gathering at a

mountain club at Big Bear for parties and fun.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Pembie entertained over 50 guests when they held open house on Dec. 26 at their home on Newton St.

The house was gaily decorated in the Christmas tradition, with a beautiful table set in crystal and silver with gold and rust chrysanthemums as a centerpiece arranged in a crystal bowl. Christmas cookies, fruit cake both light and dark, egg nog, coffee, tea, or hot chocolate were served.

Farewell was bid to Bill and Betty Williams and their two sons shortly after Christmas when they moved from their home on Log Codona Ave. to a residence in Harbor City.

Christmas day was not celebrated very happily at the Ed Grogan, of Madison St., since wife Kay was sick with flu bug over that eventful day.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fitzpatrick, of Danaha St., enjoyed that Christmas turkey at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Riley when over 20 guests attended a family get-together.

One of the gay parties over New Year's was held on New Year's Eve at the home of Joyce and Jimmy Williams, of Newton St.

Local couples enjoying the fun included Mr. and Mrs. John Monaghan, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shilpkins, and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Pembie. Other guests included 40 couples, fellow workers with Jimmy at the Palos Verdes Power Co.

Several days of rest and relaxation were found last week by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Landis, of Madison Ct., when they spent some time basking in the sun at Palm Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Crumm enjoyed their Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Alford, of North Torrance.

On New Year's Eve the Crumms, accompanied by Shir-

ley and Roy Smith, of Winlock Rd., and Neida and George Lobbo, of Inglewood, enjoyed festivities at the Lomita VFW dance.

Their evening of welcoming the new year in was concluded by luscious dinner of chicken, hot biscuits, gravy, and all the trimmings at the Winlock Rd. home of the Crumms.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Howard, of Long Beach, were Christmas day guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cramer, of Los Codona St. Christmas evening, the Cramers journeyed to Lomita to visit Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peacock.

Frisella Beasley, of Newton St., ended her holidays with a visit to Torrance Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Nellie Bradford, of Newton St., is also a hospital patient. She is a Harbor General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tenney, of Hawthorne Blvd., were hosts to seven couples on New Year's Eve when they held a fun-filled party.

Joining in on the games and enjoyment were the Jack Tinkles, Ed Grogans, Bud Roses, Roy Cornells, John Chiraulanos, Kenneth Persons, Robert Gramer, and James Gaz's. A ham and salad buffet with all the trimmings added to the pleasure of the evening, while Frank's Hi-Fi set came in for a lot of use during the party.

Back Named Assistant Civil Engineer at GP

Ralph Donald Beck has been appointed an assistant civil engineer at the Torrance refinery by General Petroleum Corp., it was announced last week.

A native of Minneapolis, Minn., Beck has been with General Petroleum since 1942. Prior to his new appointment he was a draftsman supervisor in the company's engineering department at Torrance.

He graduated from the University of Southern California in 1936.

PIZER NOW IN NAPLES

Storekeeper Second Class James A. Pizer, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Pizer, of 1556 1/2 W. 24th St., has arrived in Naples, Italy, for duty at NATO's headquarters for Allied Forces Southern Europe under the command of Admiral William M. Fechteler.

Petty Officer Pizer has been assigned to the Headquarters Command Division, working with officers and enlisted personnel from France, Greece, Italy, Turkey, and the United Kingdom, the countries represented in the Southern European Command.

Pizer is a veteran of six years active military service. Prior to his assignment in Naples, he was stationed on the Aircraft Transport USS Orea. This is his first European assignment.

Secretary of Navy Witnesses Exercises

James A. White, fireman, USN, son of R. J. White, of 829 Faysmith Ave., aboard the destroyer USS George K. Mackenzie, participated in a 7th Fleet Task Force training exercise witnessed by Navy Secretary Charles Thomas.

Secretary Thomas, on a tour of Navy and Marine Corps activities in the Far East, arrived at the training site Dec. 15, aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Bennington. During the exercise he boarded several task force units via high-line rigged between ships.

The vessels demonstrated replenishment at sea while underway and participated in air and surface operations.

MINE INSPECTIONS

Pennsylvania was the first state to inspect its mines.

California Bank Volume At New High

California Bank's volume of business, deposits, loans, and net profits showed a larger increase in 1955 than in any other year in the history of the bank, according to Frank L. King, president.

Total deposits were \$764,177,332 on Dec. 31, an increase for the year of 20.9 per cent. Demand deposits, representing 74.3 per cent of the total deposits, were \$567,751,981, a gain of \$108,238,208. This increase reflects California Bank's emphasis on commercial and industrial banking as well as the general growth of business and industry in the Greater Los Angeles Area, King pointed out.

Resources of the bank increased \$137,218,127 during 1955 to total \$818,324,632 on Dec. 31. Loans of \$325,245,821 were \$111,364,497 more than at the previous year end.

Net profits were \$3,857,051, equal to \$3.26 per share based on the 1,184,404 shares outstanding at the year end, compared with \$2,977,519, equal to \$2.98 per share a year ago based on the 1,000,000 shares then outstanding.

Dividends of 45 cents per share were paid each quarter during the year, totaling \$1,965,382, or 50.9 per cent of net profits. In the previous year \$1,320,000 or 44.4 per cent of net profits, was paid to shareholders.

Total capital funds increased \$6,985,453 and amounted to \$43,795,061, consisting of capital stock \$14,805,000, surplus \$19,200,000 and undivided profits \$9,790,011.

WIFE AWAY?
Eat with Charley
At DANIEL'S CAFE 1625 Cabrillo Ave.

Larsen Named To New Job

Victor C. Larsen has been appointed manager of the pipe line department of General Petroleum Corp., according to an announcement by George H. Supple, vice president and director. The appointment became effective Jan. 1.

Larsen is a veteran of 35 years' service with General Petroleum's Los Angeles building. A native of Los Angeles, Larsen attended the University of Southern California. He resides in Huntington Park.

259TH PL. SCHOOL HIT BY VANDALISM

Vandals cut pieces of the bannisters and scattered papers all over the 259th Pl. School, Lomita, Tuesday. Sheriff's deputies were told by the school officials.

The hoodlums apparently got keys to the rooms and ransacked every room, deputies said.

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